

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Szabad, Jr (US 4850913). Responsive to this rejection, claims 24 and 25 have been cancelled.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 as being unpatentable over Glydon et al (US5,658,179) in view of Schneider et al. (US 5,211,593). Responsive to these rejections, claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claim 3 as being unpatentable over Glydon et al in view of Schneider et al., and further in view of Szabad, Jr. Responsive to this rejection, claim 3 has been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-18, 22 and 23 as being unpatentable over Schneider et al. in view of Szabad, Jr. Responsive to these rejections, claims 16-18, 22 and 23 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has rejected claim 19 as being unpatentable over Schneider et al. in view of Szabad, Jr., and further in view of Irby (US 5,558,551). Responsive to this rejection, claim 19 has been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-15, 20 and 21. Claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 20 and 21 have been amended in independent forms as advised by the Examiner and each of them includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 3, and 4. Claim 5 is amended which is substantially the

combination of original claims 1 and 5. Claim 6 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1 and 6. Claim 8 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1, 2 and 8, and the term “second” in Claim 8 is edited out. Claim 9 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 1, 3 and 9. Claim 20 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 16, 18 and 20. Claim 21 is amended which is substantially the combination of original claims 16, 18 and 21.

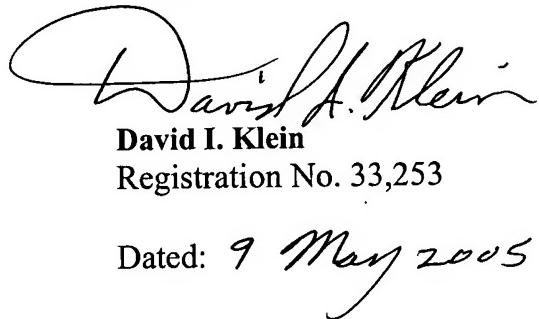
Claims 7 and 11 depend on currently amended independent claim 6. Claim 10 depends on currently amended independent claim 5. Claim 12 depends on currently amended independent claim 8 and is amended for editing out the term “second”. Claim 13 depends on currently amended independent claim 9. Claim 14 depends on claim 10, which depends on currently amended independent claim 5. Claim 15 depends on claim 11, which depends on currently amended independent claim 6. Therefore, claims 7, 10-15 have proper forms and dependencies.

Conclusion

The claims have been shown to be allowable over the prior art. Applicant believes that this paper is responsive to each and every ground of rejection cited by the Examiner in the Action dated February 10, 2005, and respectfully requests favorable action in this application. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant’s attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

This Amendment was prepared by Applicant, and is being submitted without substantive change by the undersigned Attorney.

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